



**Makivvik: Opening Statement, NAMMCO 32<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council, Tromsø, Norway  
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Ms. Chair, NAMMCO members, and other observers

On behalf of the Inuit of Nunavik, Makivvik would like to extend its gratitude to Tromsø and the NAMMCO Secretariat for hosting the 32nd meeting and allowing us to participate as observers.

Marine mammals know no borders. Their wellbeing, and therefore our own, demands collaborative stewardship. This is why Makivvik values the NAMMCO forum as it represents an essential opportunity to share knowledge and address issues concerning the sustainable use of marine mammals which are central to Nunavimmiut food security, culture and wellbeing. Our harvesting rights, enshrined in our Land Claims Agreements, are inextricably linked to the health of the marine ecosystems and the mammals inhabiting them. We stand firm in our belief that effective wildlife management must be rooted in both Inuit knowledge and Western science, and implemented with profound respect for the cultural practices of those who depend on these resources.

Nakurmiik, thank you, merci.

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